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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/07

SPONSOR HHLC LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 133/HLCS

SHORT TITLE Law Enforcement Stress Management Training SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$315.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

The House Labor and Human Resources Committee Substitute for House Bill 133 would appropriate \$315.0 in General Fund to the Department of Public Safety in FY08 to fund a pilot program for stress reduction and stress management for law enforcement officers and other first responders using Santa Fe-based clinical staff.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$315.0 is a recurring expense from the General Fund. DFA reports that funding in future years would be significantly less as the expectation is that this pilot program will open doors to funding from other sources.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's are among the first individuals called out to accidents and other emergency needs and witness traumatic incidents on a regular basis. The training program proposed in this legislation would use clinicians trained in post traumatic stress disorders who would work with all first responders and their family members in how to recognize systems

associated with stress disorders. The program plans to establish continuing education credit for the training. Any individual involved in working trauma scenes and their family members would also be eligible to receive confidential counseling services from the program. The pilot program will gather data on the demographic being served and will then be able to utilize the data to further develop the needs of the program for future years.

The House Labor Committee adopted a committee substitute that would fund the program through the Department of Public Safety instead of the Local Government Division of DFA as contained in the original bill.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

\$350.0 will not be appropriated and may limit the ability of officers and other first responders to access needed services related to stress management.

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